

MACARTHUR ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY Inc  
Minutes of Committee Meeting

**Date: 5<sup>th</sup> November 2001**

The meeting opened at 7.45 pm in the Cook house 38 Old Kent Road Ruse

**Present** John Koster, John Rombi, Bob Bee, Noel Sharp, Daniel Ross,  
Ian Cook

**Reading of Minutes Past Mtg** • Minutes were read and accepted. Moved RBee, Sec J  
Koster

**Business Arising**

1. IAU committee involvement  
Bob attended last meeting. Offer of Nth Sydney Oval for mass observing function 2003 being investigated. A further letter urging support of MAS received. Noel already communicated our full support
2. Messier awards – Certificates distributed October meeting
3. Official Seal – Design with Reg No now available, Ian to get stamp made and register with Fair Trading
4. Application Form design – New design approved, one addition then to be copied - JohnK
5. First Aid Officer – No further development
6. Alec's Large Telescope Party – Approx dozen members attended, all agreed should encourage him, discuss new year
7. Prime Focus contributions – good response this coming issue
8. Price of printing public leaflet from Young & Cooke - Bob to follow up
9. December meeting program – 8/12 BBQ at Obs

**BUSINESS This Meeting** The following matters were tabled and agreed to:  
**Members' Meeting** Dr Russell Cannon spoke on the 2DF and spiral programs at AAO.  
**Review** All agreed good meeting

**Treasurer Matters**

- Financial report for October tabled and accepted for filing
- Payment of bills and expenses as follows:-
- Moved and seconded a gift to the Auditor value \$20
- Expenses to speakers \$15.25
- Expenses to Noel \$52.30, JohnK \$36.95, JohnR \$34.74
- Membership applications accepted from Mark Fisher and Paul Kenney

**President Matters**

1. Noel requested copy of Prime Focus prior to meeting day
2. Gift of a Tasco 114 mm reflector to MAS via Ragbhir to be discussed next year
3. Winners of raffle 1<sup>st</sup>-Alan Martin, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Bob Monkcom, 3<sup>rd</sup>-John Koster, 4<sup>th</sup>-Bruce Reardon replacement bottle \$10
4. Report on dark sky sites – Belanglo no development, Berrima air strip car lights problem, The Oaks still the best for now
5. Invitation to Noel to speak UFO Society
6. November meeting speakers are N Sharp, J Rombi, P Druery,
7. Speaker for January to be arranged

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- Mailbox
- ✓ Invitation and report from NACAA for SA Convention given to Noel
  - ✓ Secretary provided MAS info for inclusion in Campbelltown Council Community website
  - ✓ Astronomy 2002 book order arrived, \$16 price to members at Nov meeting. Society pay invoice recoup from members. JohnK to manage

General Business

- Possible difficulty in obtaining new Public Liability policy discussed
- Daniel R requested helping hands and scopes for Nth Parramatta High school group Friday 23 Nov

**Business For Next Meeting**

- Public Liability Insurance John K to follow up
- Astronomy 2002 sales
- Observatory public education program
- MAS observing challenges

**NEXT MEETING**

February 4<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm  
Rombi house 13 Namatjira Crescent Eaglevale

Meeting Closed

10.35 pm